

The Temptation of Jesus



Mark 1:9-13

Why is Jesus baptized?

Why does the Holy Spirit (ἐκβάλλω) Jesus?

Israel	Jesus
Brought up out of Egypt (Ex 4:22)	Brought up out of Egypt (Matt 2:15)
Brought through the Waters (Ex 14:21-22)	Brought through the Waters (Mark 1:9-10)
Tested in the Desert (40 Years)	Tested in the Desert (Mark 1:12-13)

What is the Role of Jesus?

Why does he do this?

Coarse Idolatry (Matthew 4:1-4; Luke 4:1-4)

Exodus 16:1-3

Gather together at your tables in small groups and name any idols that you know of or have seen people worship? Write down a definition of an idol.

1. Can the Devil read minds? Does Jesus look hungry?
2. Why does the Devil start with food? (Hint: Adam & Eve)
3. Why not just make him bread and tempt him with that?

False Worship (Matthew 4:8-11; Luke 4:5-8)

Exodus 32:1-35

Gather together at your tables and discuss examples in the world of the end justifying the means. Does it matter how we do a thing or just that it gets done? Can you give examples within the church?

1. The Devil always lies. Can you find his lie in Matt 4:9? Where does he get the lie from? (Hint Daniel 7:9-10)
2. What does Jesus want?
3. Jesus quotes scripture to the Devil, Deuteronomy 6:13 specifically. Does the Devil know scripture better than Jesus? What does that mean for us?

Did God Really Say (Matthew 4:5-7; Luke 4:9-13)

Exodus 17:1-7

Gather together at your tables and discuss these verses and ask the question, "Why is it that the devil always desires us to question God's will or his plan?"

1. Read Matthew 4:6-7. Is it possible to keep on commandment while breaking another? Is it possible to honor one verse in scripture while disregarding another?

The End. What does it all mean?

1. What is the devil trying to do to Jesus? Is it just a battle of bible verses?
2. So what does that mean for us when we face temptation?